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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Thermal and/or acoustic insulation materials based on dried precipitated silica, having a total pore volume of from 1 to 5 cm<sup>3</sup>/g and optionally containing reinforcing fillers and/or opacifying agents, are prepared by:

- (A) filtering an aqueous dispersion D containing precipitated silica particles in a filter press, whereby a compacted filter cake is obtained; and then
- (B) drying the filter cake in the compacted state as obtained after step (A).